"capacity re-endorsement" which appeared in Financial Express on the 21st November, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during the scrutiny of data received by Government for re-endorsement of capacity, it came to Government's notice that 432 products being manufactured by 29 drug companies are without any valid authority under I(D&R) Act.

(c) if so, names of the products based on imported bulk drugs alongwith production of each drug during the last three years, year-wise and how many of these products are being marketed by the formulators under exempted category of price control order; and

(d) what are the basis of allowing them the import without the valid authority to manufacture the formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Details of the 432 items of doubtful validity and reasons for not stopping this production have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 771 dated 25th March, 1985. Other details are not available.

Price fixation of drugs

2189. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 187 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government do not provide the basis or working of price fixation alongwith fixation order of prices of formulations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to this M|s. Abott Laboratories have been enjoying their own prices since August, 1983 and the consumers suffered;

(d) if so, who were responsible and what action was taken against them;

(e) what steps Government have taken towards the implementation of the ground on which the price fixation was quashed;

(f) whether Government have decided to provide the basis of working along with price fixation order; and

(g) if so, since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Orders fixing the prices of formulations under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are issued in accordance with the provisions of the said Order.

(c) No, Sir. The prices being enjoyed for some formulations by M|s. Abbott Laboratories are based on the judgement of the Bombay High Court.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) to (g) As a follow-up to the judgement of the Bombay High Court in the case of M|s. Abbott Laboratories, personal hearing has already been given to the company. During the hearing all the relevant factors taken into consideration while fixing the price were disclosed. Based on the details submitted by the Company, final Orders would soon be passed in this case.

Production of Anthelmintics drugs by Hoechst

2190. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hoechst has been licenced to produce Anthelmintics drug;

(b) if so, what is the name of the drug, licence number, date capacity and stage of manufacture permitted;

(c) whether the company has commenced the production;

(d) if so, when and what was the production from the year of commencement upto 30th October, 1985, year-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that this drug is also being imported;

(f) if so, what was the import during the last three years, year-wise along with names of the parties and average CIF price;

(g) whether it is also a fact that Anthelmintics groups of drugs are under price control;

(h) if so, whether this drug has been included in the schedule; and

(i) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M|s. Hoechst India Ltd. were granted an industrial Licence No. CIL: 201(83) dated 30-5-83 for the manufacture of 3.5 tonnes per annum of Fanbendazole (a veterinary Anthelmintics) from basic stage.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Production details to the extent available are as under:

1983	0.56 tonnes
1984	0 96 tonnes
1985 (Jan. to Oct.)	Nil

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Details of import during the last three years, year-wise, alongwith c.i.f. value are given below:

Year	Quantity imported	c.i.f. Value (Rs./Lakhs)
1983	7535 Kgs.	162.28
1984	23750 Kgs.	415.44
1935 (Jan. to October)	7500 Kgs.	123.65

Party-wise details are not available.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) and (i) Similar information has been furnished to Rajya Sabha in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2310 dated 19th August, 1985.

Complaints against M|s. E. Merck (India) Ltd.

2191. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints regarding Import of Chemicals by M|s. E. Merck (India) Limited about their unfair business practices;

(b) if so, when were these complaints received;

(c) whether those complaints were investigated;

(d) if so, when was final decision taken along with the details of the decision and main grounds of each complain:;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the company is still adopting unfair business practices; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Complaints were received in 1983.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) In the portion of the complaint relating to chemicals it was alleged that M|s. E. Merck India Limited were, (a) importing certain chemicals on licences of third parties and merely repacking them and selling them under the name of Merck India Limited, (b) the purchase